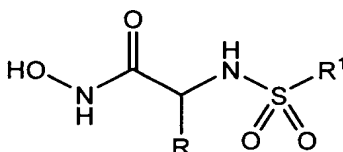


### Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula I:



FORMULA I

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, enantiomer, diastereomer or in vivo hydrolysable ester or mixture thereof, wherein:

$R^1$  is selected from the group consisting of  $C_{6-10}$  aryl,  $C_{5-10}$  heteroaryl or  $C_{5-10}$  heterocyclic groups, said aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic groups optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of  $R^a$ ;

$R^a$  is selected from the group consisting of  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, and halogen, hydroxy, aryl( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl, ( $C_{1-6}$ )alkoxy, ( $C_{1-6}$ )alkoxy( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl, halo( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl, nitro, amino, mono or di-N( $C_{1-6}$ )alkylamino, acylamino, acyloxy, carboxy, carboxy salts, carboxy esters, carbamoyl, mono and di-N( $C_{1-6}$ )alkylcarbamoyl, ( $C_{1-6}$ )alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, ureido, guanidine, sulphonylamino, aminosulphonyl, ( $C_{1-6}$ )alkylthio, ( $C_{1-6}$ )alkylsulphinyl, ( $C_{1-6}$ )alkylsulphonyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclyl( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl groups; and

R is selected from the group consisting of  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-10}$ cycloalkyl,  $C_{3-10}$  heterocycloalkyl,  $C_{5-10}$  heteroaryl, and  $C_{5-11}$  heterocyclic groups, said heteroaryl and heterocyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of  $R^a$  and said  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl groups are substituted with 1 to 3 groups selected from the group consisting of aryl, heterocyclyl, ( $C_{1-6}$ )alkylthio, cyano, heteroaryl, guanidino, ((1-aminoethyl)carbonyl)amino, ((aminomethyl)carbonyl)amino, ((2-amino)prop-2-yl)

~~carbonyl)amino, acetamido, 4-(aminomethyl)phenyl, thio, t-butyl-sulfonyl, (C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkenylthio, (C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkynylthio, amino, mono- or di-(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylamino, arylthio, heterocyclylthio, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkoxy, aryl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkoxy, aryl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylthio, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, carboxy and esters thereof, hydroxy and halogen groups.~~

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a phenyl group optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of R<sup>a</sup> and R is a heterocycloalkyl or heteroaryl group.

5. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1, R<sup>1</sup> is a phenyl group substituted with 1 to 3 groups of ~~methoxy, halogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, naphthyl, 5-(2-pyridyl)thiophen-2-yl or a mixture thereof, and R is a heterocycloalkyl or heteroaryl group.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:

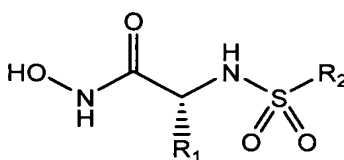
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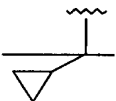
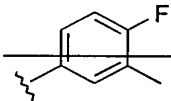
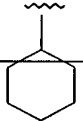
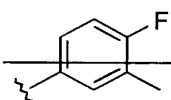
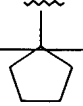
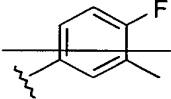
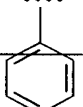
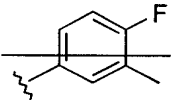
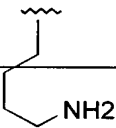
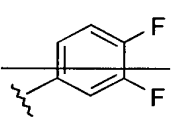
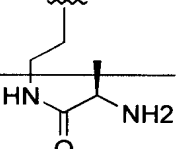
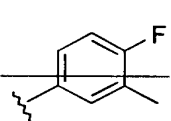
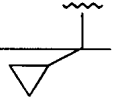
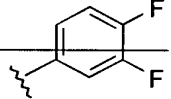
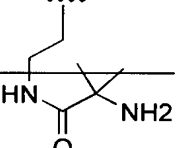
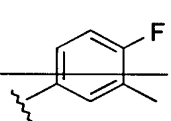
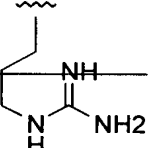
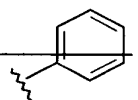
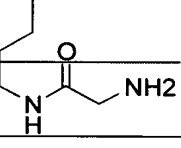
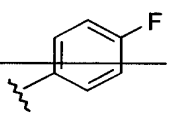

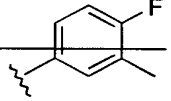
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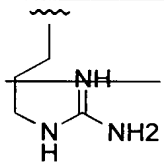
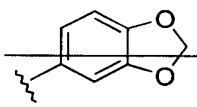
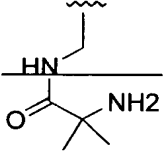
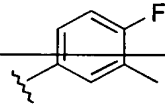
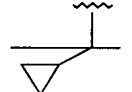
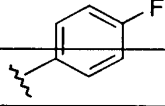
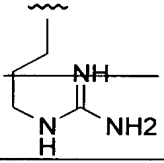
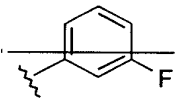
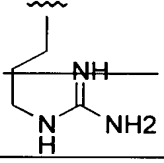
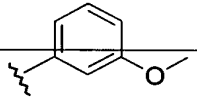
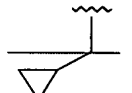
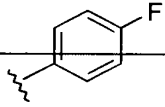
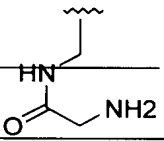
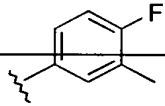
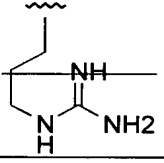
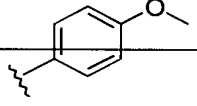
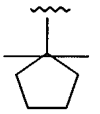
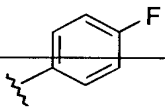
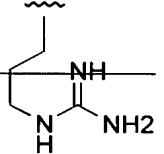
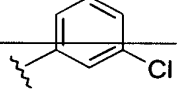
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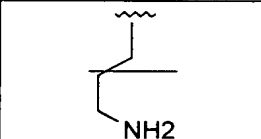
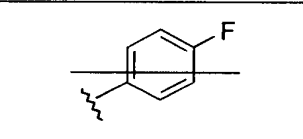
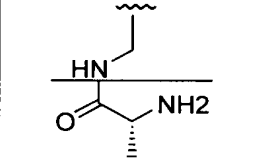
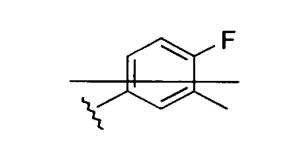
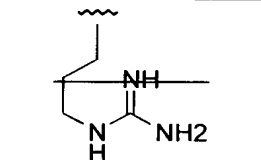
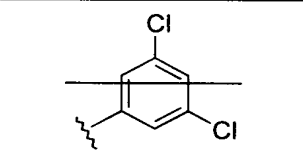
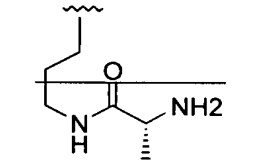
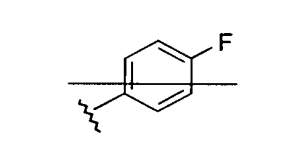
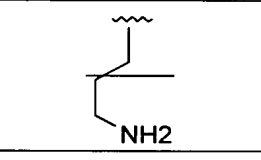
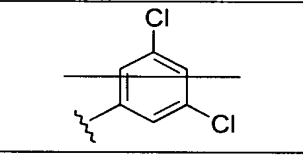
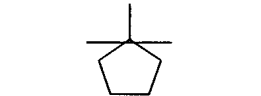
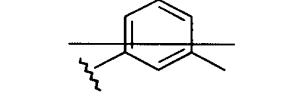
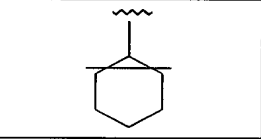
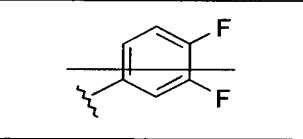
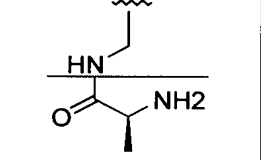
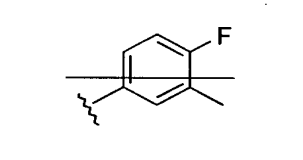
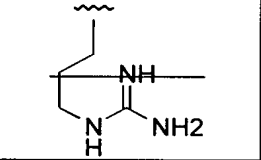
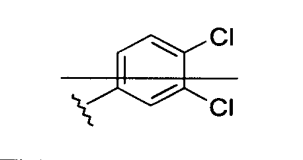
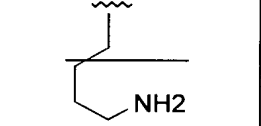
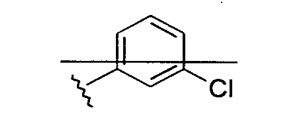
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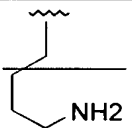
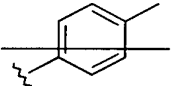
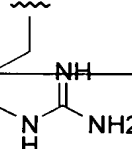
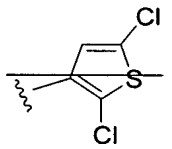
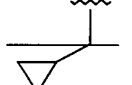
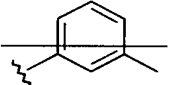
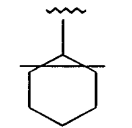
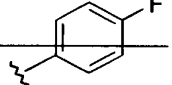
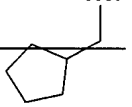
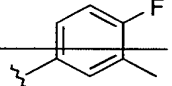
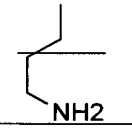
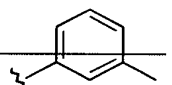
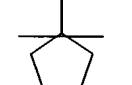
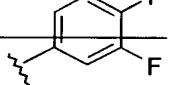
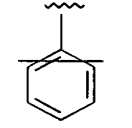
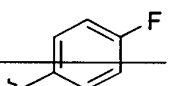
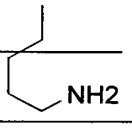
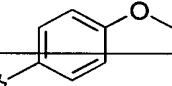
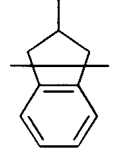
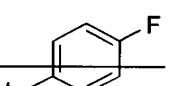
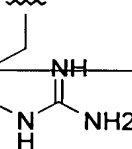
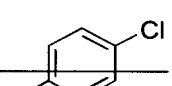


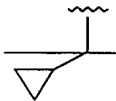
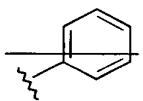
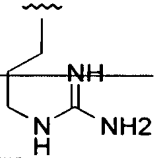
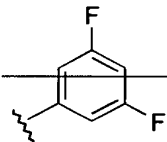
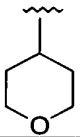
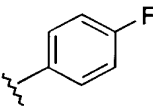
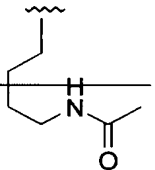
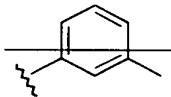
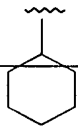
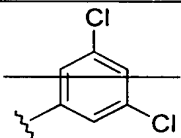
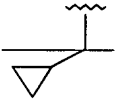
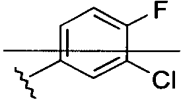
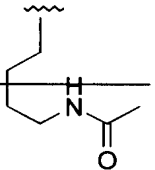
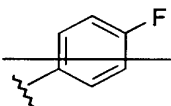
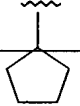
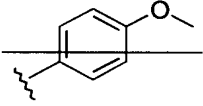
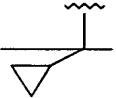
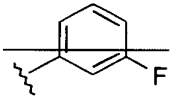
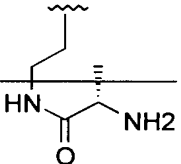
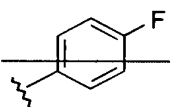
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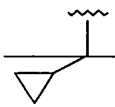
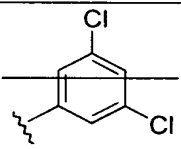
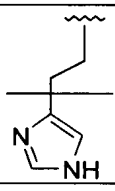
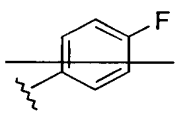
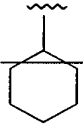
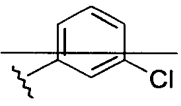
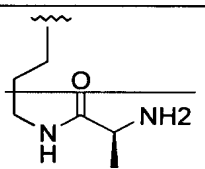
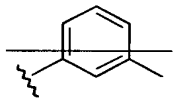
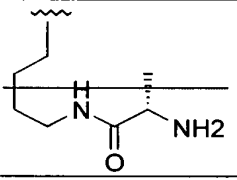
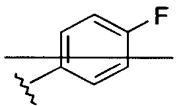
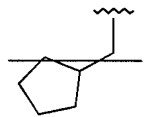
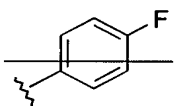
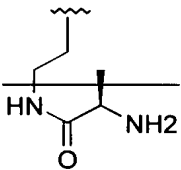
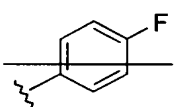
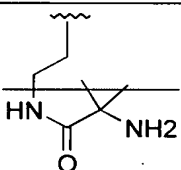
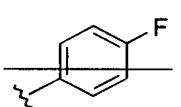
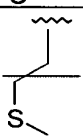
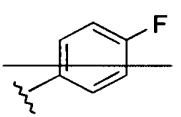
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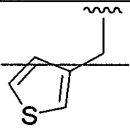
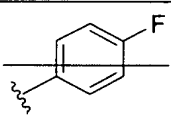

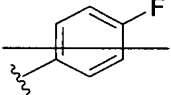
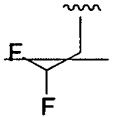
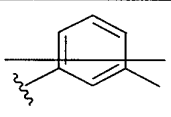
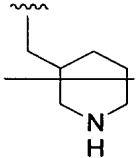
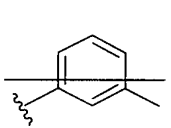
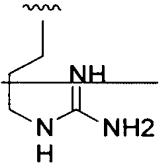
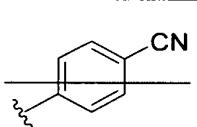
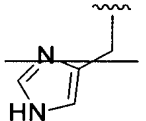
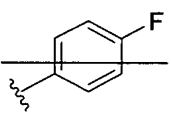
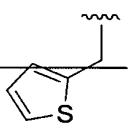
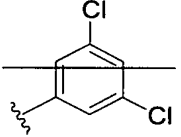
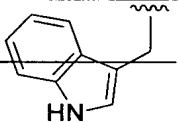
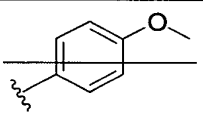
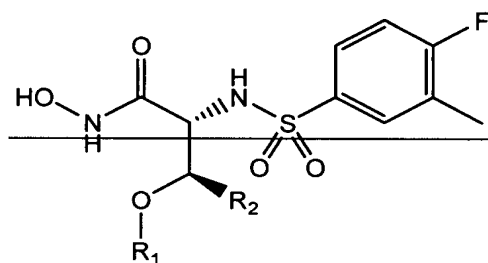
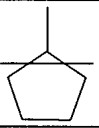



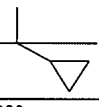

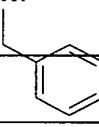
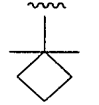
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and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, ~~enantiomers, diastereomers, in vivo hydrolysable esters and mixtures thereof.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 6, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:

N-t-butoxy-2(R)-[(4-fluoro-3-methylphenylsulfonyl)]amino-2-(4'-tetrahydropyranyl)-acetamide;

N-hydroxy-2(R)-[(4-fluoro-3-methylphenylsulfonyl)]amino-2-(4'-tetrahydropyranyl)-acetamide;

~~N-hydroxy-2(R)-[(4-fluoro-3-methylphenylsulfonyl)]amino-3-(S)-cyclopropylbutyramide; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, enantiomers, diastereomers, in vivo hydrolysable esters and mixtures thereof.~~

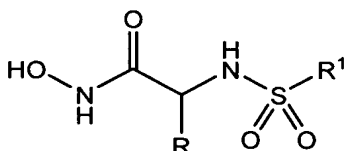
8. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 7, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of: N-hydroxy-2(R)-[(4-fluoro-3-methylphenylsulfonyl)]amino-2-(4'-tetrahydropyranyl)-

acetamide; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, ~~enantiomers, diastereomers, in-vivo hydrolysable esters~~ and mixtures thereof.

9. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

10. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A method of inhibiting activity of lethal factor (LF) released from bacterial in a mammal, the method comprising:

administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of structural formula I



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ~~enantiomer, diastereomer or in-vivo hydrolysable ester~~ or mixture thereof, wherein,

R<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group consisting of C<sub>6-10</sub> aryl, ~~C<sub>5-10</sub> heteroaryl and C<sub>5-10</sub> heterocyclic~~ groups, said aryl, ~~heteroaryl and heterocyclic~~ groups optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of R<sup>a</sup>;

R<sup>a</sup> is selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, ~~and halogen, OH, aryl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkoxy, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkoxy(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, halo(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, nitro, amino, mono- or di-N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylamino, acylamino, acyloxy, carboxy, carboxy salts, carboxy esters, carbamoyl, mono- and di-N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylcarbamoyl, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, ureido, guanidine, sulphonylamino, aminosulphonyl, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylthio, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylsulphinyl, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylsulphonyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl~~ groups; and

R is selected from the group consisting of ~~C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub> heterocycloalkyl, C<sub>5-10</sub> heteroaryl, or C<sub>5-11</sub> heterocyclyl~~, said heteroaryl and heterocyclyl

groups are optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of  $R^a$ ; and said  $C_{1-8}$  alkyl groups are substituted with 1 to 3 groups selected from the group consisting of aryl, heterocycetyl,  $(C_{1-6})$ alkylthio, cyano, heteroaryl, guanidino, ((1-aminoethyl)carbonyl)amino, ((aminomethyl)carbonyl)amino, ((2-amino)prop-2-yl)carbonyl)amino, acetamido, 4-(aminomethyl)phenyl, thio, t-butyl sulfonyl,  $(C_{2-6})$ alkenylthio,  $(C_{2-6})$ alkynylthio, amino, mono- or di- $(C_{1-6})$ alkylamino, arylthio, heterocycetylthio,  $(C_{1-6})$ alkoxy, aryl $(C_{1-6})$ alkoxy, aryl $(C_{1-6})$ alkylthio, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, carboxy and esters thereof, hydroxy and halogen groups.

11. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:

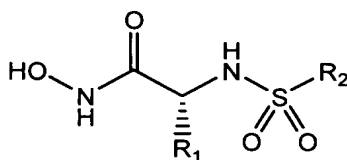
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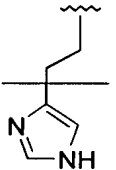
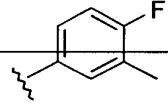
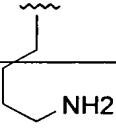
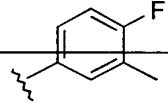
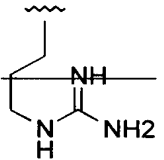
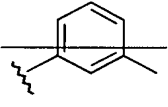
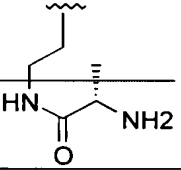
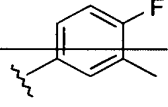
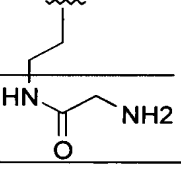
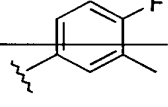
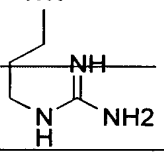
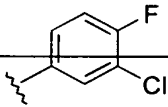
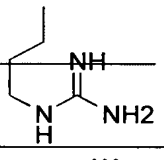
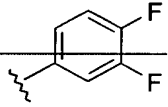
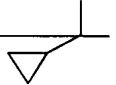
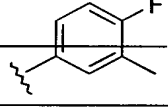
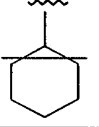
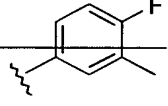
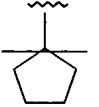
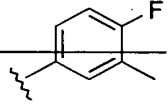
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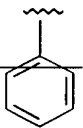
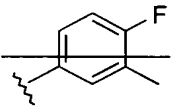
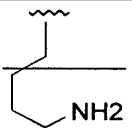
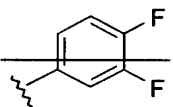
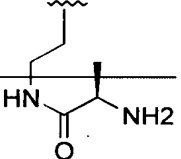
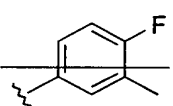
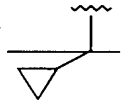
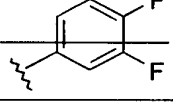
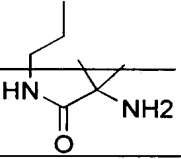
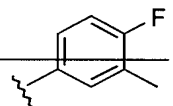
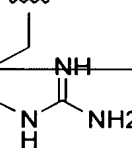
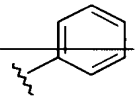
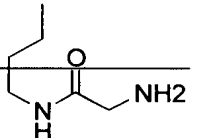
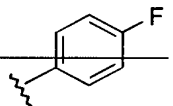

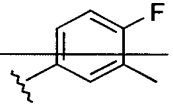
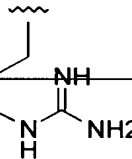
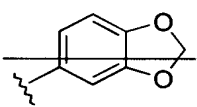
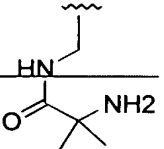
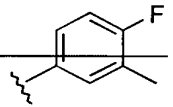
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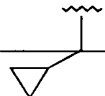
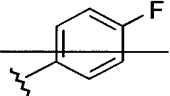
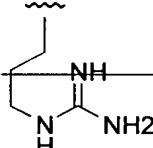
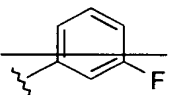
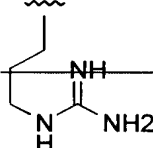
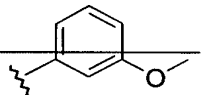
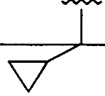
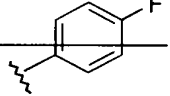
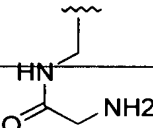
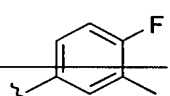
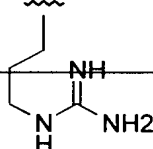
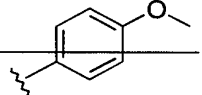

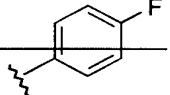
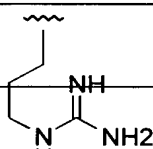
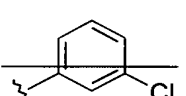
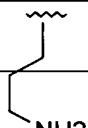
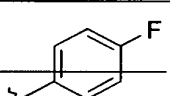
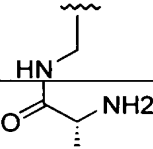
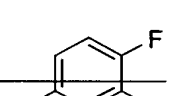


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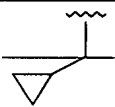
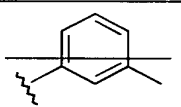
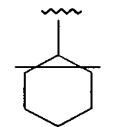
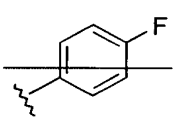
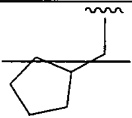
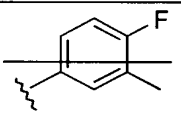
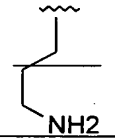
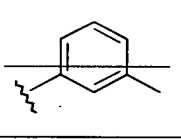
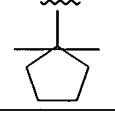
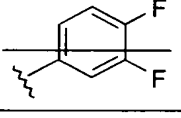
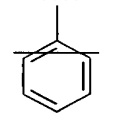
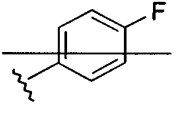
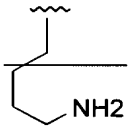
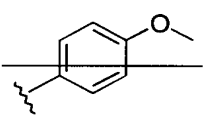
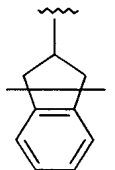
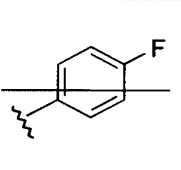
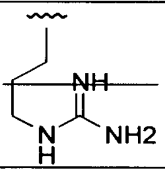
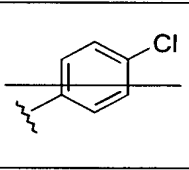
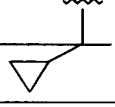
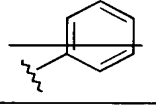
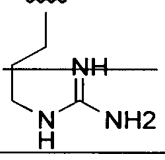
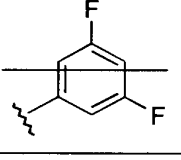


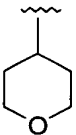
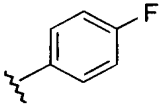
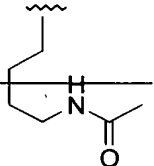
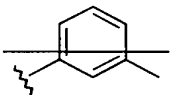
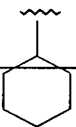
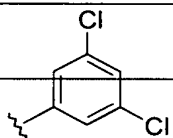
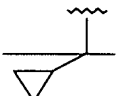
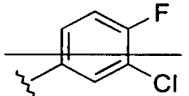
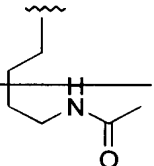
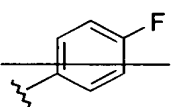
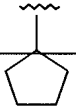
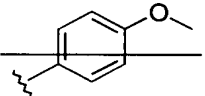
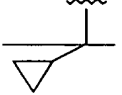
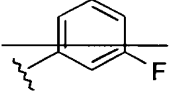
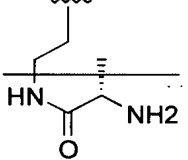
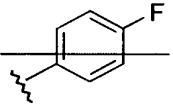
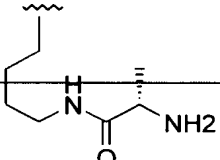
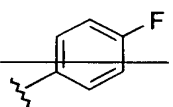
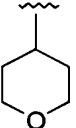
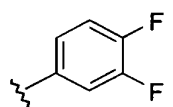
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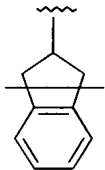
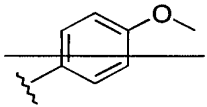
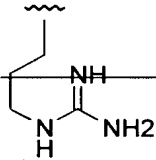
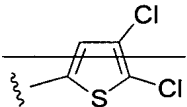
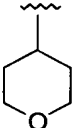
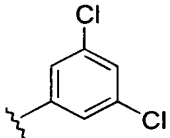
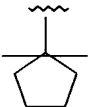
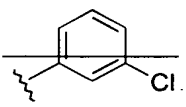
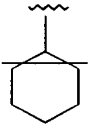
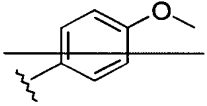

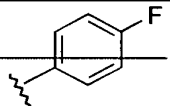
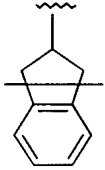
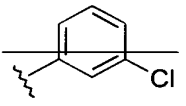

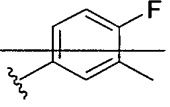
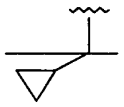
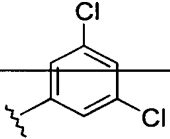
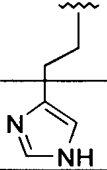
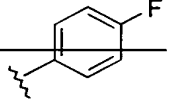
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
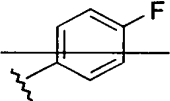
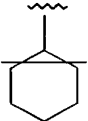
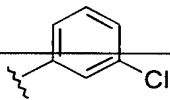
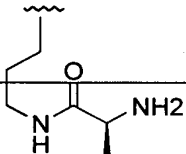
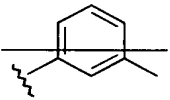
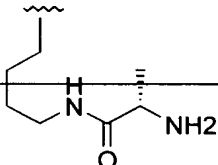
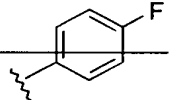
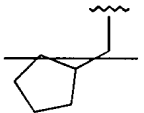
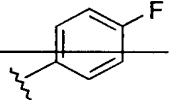
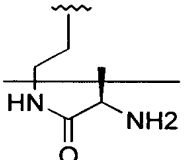
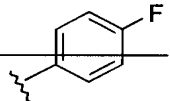
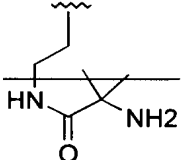
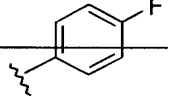
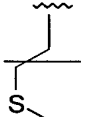
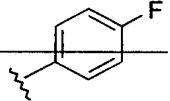
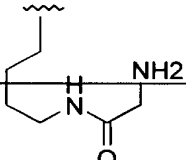
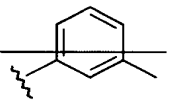
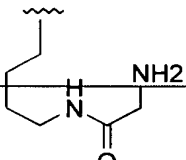
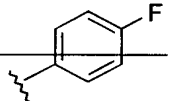
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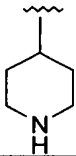
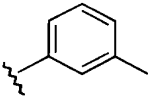
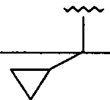
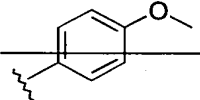
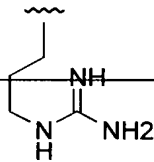
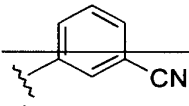
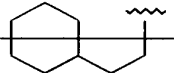
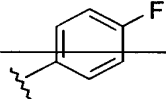
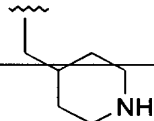
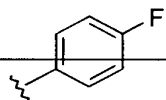
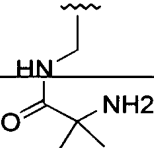
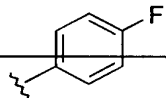
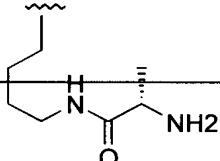
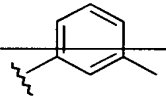
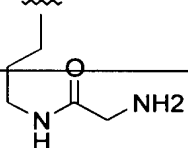
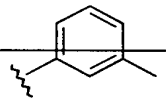
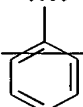
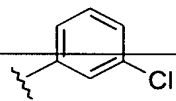

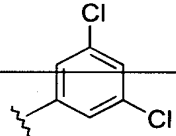
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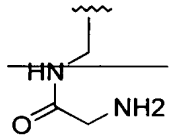
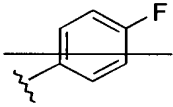
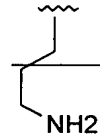
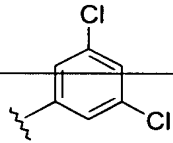
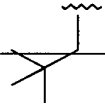
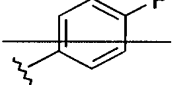
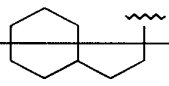
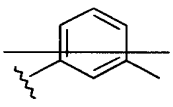
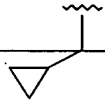
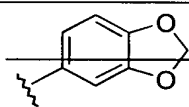
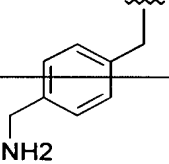
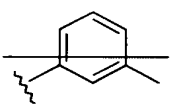
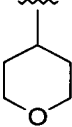
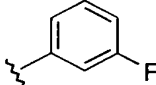
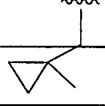
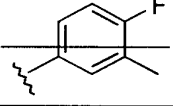
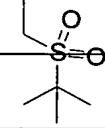
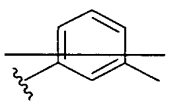
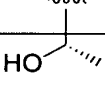
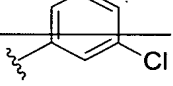
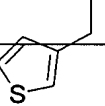
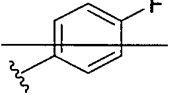
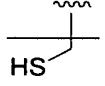
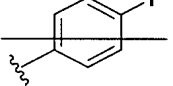
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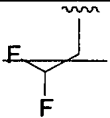
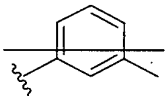
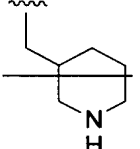
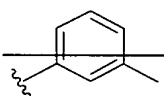
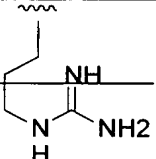
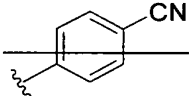
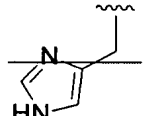
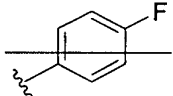
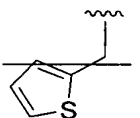
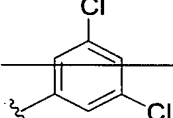
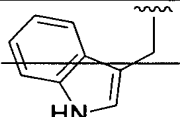
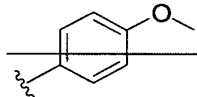
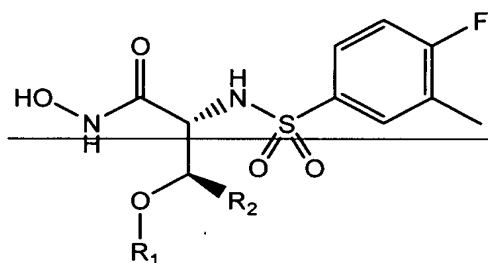
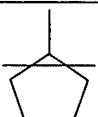


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Table 2



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and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, ~~enantiomers, diastereomers, in vivo hydrolysable esters~~ and mixtures thereof.

12. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:

N-t-butoxy-2(R)-[(4-fluoro-3-methylphenylsulfonyl)]amino-2-(4'-tetrahydropyranyl)-acetamide;

N-hydroxy-2(R)-[(4-fluoro-3-methylphenylsulfonyl)]amino-2-(4'-tetrahydropyranyl)-acetamide;

~~N-hydroxy-2(R)-[(4-fluoro-3-methylphenylsulfonyl)]amino-3-(S)-cyclopropylbutyramide;~~ and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, ~~enantiomers, diastereomers, in vivo hydrolysable esters~~ and mixtures thereof.

13. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:

N-hydroxy-2(R)-[(4-fluoro-3-methylphenylsulfonyl)]amino-2-(4'-tetrahydropyranyl)-acetamide; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, ~~enantiomers, diastereomers, in vivo hydrolysable esters~~ and mixtures thereof.

14. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 10, wherein said administering further comprises administering the compound of formula I in combination with one or more known drugs selected from beta-lactams, aminoglycosides, inhibitors of

beta-lactamase, renal tubular blocking agents and inhibitors or metabolizing enzymes, N-acylated amino acids.

15. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 14, wherein the known drugs are selected from the group consisting of imipenem, meropenem, vancomycin, cilastatin, cefoxitin, penicillin, clavulanic acid, probenecid, tetracycline, ciprofloxacin, and norfloxacin or a mixture thereof, wherein when imipenem is used as a drug it is used in combination with cilastatin as PRIMAXIN®.